

April Milk Production

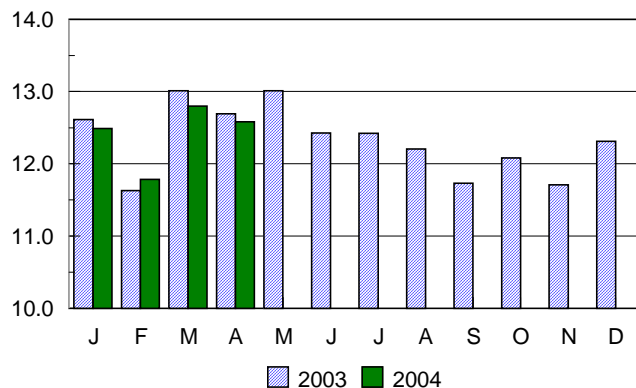
April milk production in Wisconsin totaled 1.87 billion pounds, the same level as April 2003. Milk cow numbers averaged 1.24 million head, 1,000 less than last month, and 17,000 head less than a year ago. April ended with 109 fewer milk cow herds in the state, compared to a month earlier. As of May 1st, 15,591 milk cow herds were licensed in the state, 909 fewer than last year.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,630 pounds per cow, 3 pounds above April 2003. Wisconsin cows averaged 20 pounds more for the month than last April. California's average output declined 10 pounds, compared to the same month a year ago. Milk production in the 20-major states during April totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down one percent from production in these same states a year earlier. Texas was the only state that showed an increase of 5 percent or more compared to last April. Two states, Pennsylvania and Virginia, had milk production decreases of 5 percent. Wisconsin remained at the same level.

The number of cows on farms in the 20-major states totaled 7.72 million head, 81,000 less than April 2003, but 2,000 more than March 2004. Fifteen states had fewer milk cows than a year ago while three states added milk cows. California producers added 29,000 head; Idaho cows increased by 17,000; and New Mexico gained 12,000 cows. Two states, Arizona and Ohio, were at the same level as a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION 20 Selected States

Billion pounds



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State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro- duction % change 2004/03
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
Wisconsin	1,260	1,243	1,480	1,500	1,865	1,865	n.c.
Illinois	111	108	1,610	1,580	179	171	-4
Iowa	203	194	1,610	1,580	327	307	-6
Michigan	301	297	1,730	1,750	521	520	n.c.
Minnesota	475	465	1,500	1,480	713	688	-4
California	1,685	1,714	1,800	1,790	3,033	3,068	+1
New York	679	658	1,505	1,480	1,022	974	-5
Pennsylvania	582	561	1,575	1,550	917	870	-5
20-state total	7,800	7,719	1,627	1,630	12,693	12,584	-1

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.

MILK PRODUCTION Wisconsin

Million pounds

